(b) if so, what special efforts Government propose to make during Tenth Plan period to achieve 8 per cent GDP; and

(c) what were the reasons for low GDP growth during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.

(c) The main reasons for law GDP growth during the Ninth Plan are poor performance in agriculture and manufacturing sectors and shortfall in public investment.

People below poverty line

† 313. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the norms fixed for determining persons living Below Poverty Line;

(c) whether similar standards exist for persons living above the poverty line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and'if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY. OF PLANWNG (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the large sample surveys on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest such survey was conducted in 1999-2000 (NSS 55th Round). The data from the lastest large survey of the 55th Round indicate the number of persons living below the poverty line in the country in 1999-2000 as 260.25 million. As such, the estimates of poverty during the last three years are not available.

(b) The Planning Commission uses a poverty line based on per

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

capita consumption expenditure as the criterion to determine the persons living below the poverty line. The per capita consumption norm has been fixed at Rs. 49.09 per month in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 per month in urban areas at 1973-74 prices at national level corresponding to a basket of goods and services anchored on a norm of per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 kcal in rural areas and 2100 kcal in urban areas. The state-specific poverty lines are derived from the national level poverty lines, using state-specific price indices and inter-state price differentials. The national poverty line at 1999-2000 prices is Rs. 327.56 per capita per month in rural areas and Rs. 454.11 per capita per month in urban areas.

(c) and (d) The poverty line determined on the basis of fixed norms has been used to divide the entire population into two groups namely people living below the poverty line and people living above the poverty line. No separate standards exist for persons living above the poverty line.

Tenth Five Year Plan

314. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the draft of Tenth Five year Plan;

(b) if so, the major highlights thereof;

(c) by when, the document is likely to be placed before the National Development Council and Parliament for deliberation and finalisation; and

(d) what is the projected annual growth rate envisaged in the plan and how it is sought to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Approval of a Five year Plan is accorded by the National Development Council (NDC).The draft Tenth Plan has recently been cleared by Full Planning Commission and the Cabinet, and is to be placed for the consideration and approval of the